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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 13th/March, through Sunday, 20th/March there were 227 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FT5W, FT5X, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3D2, FIJI (IOTA Op). Brian, N6IZ, will be active as **3D2IZ** from **Namotu Island (OC-121)**, **March 26th through April 5th**. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters and entry in the **CQ WW SSB Contest (March 26-27th)**. His activity will also be scheduled around his main purpose which is surfing. Visit his interesting Web page to view his posted schedule and operating frequencies at: <http://www.n6iz.com> QSL direct to N6IZ (QRZ.com).

9A, CROATIA (Croatian Islands DXpedition). Leon, 9A2KL, will be active from many Croatian Islands between **March 21-23rd**. The islands will be good towards the "All Croatian

Islands Award". QSL via the bureau or direct via his home callsign. The list of all the Croatian Islands that Leon is going to activate can be viewed at: <http://www.9a7k.com>

APDXC 2005. "DXers and Contesters are cordially invited to the **Asia Pacific DX Convention** (APDXC), which will take place **November 18-20th, 2005**, as the first Asian international DX event. In addition to the presentations of recent DXpeditions, technical sessions, displays, etc. that you find at most large DX conventions, this convention offers something special such as a tour to the Icom factory, a technical session led by the Icom IC7800 design team, a tour to the electronics district, and more, since it is being held in the country in which most of the amateur radio equipment is developed. For the non-hams accompanying you, there will be activities in which they can enjoy Japanese culture. Activities like a tea ceremony and flower arranging are being prepared. We would appreciate your introducing this convention to your DX/contest club members. See our website for more details at: <http://www.ja3.net/apdxc/>. For convention updates, please visit the Web site and send an E-mail to subscribe to the APDXC newsletter. We look forward to welcoming you at the APDXC in Osaka, Japan....." APDXC Committee / JA3USA

C6, BAHAMAS. Duncan, EA5ON, will once again be active from **Freeport** as **GM7CXM/C6A**. His provisional dates are from **May 26th to May 30th**. As in previous years, this is a business trip, but he hope to be fairly active on 80-10 meters, mostly on SSB but also some digitals, and perhaps participating a bit in the **CQWW WPX CW Contest**. The IOTA reference is **NA-080 (Grand Bahama Island)**. QSL via EA5ON, direct or via the bureau.

CONTEST DINNER (Dayton HamVention). Tim, K3LR, reports that the North Coast Contesters are pleased to announce their **13th Annual Dayton Contest Dinner** will be held on Saturday, **May 21st**, at 6:30 PM (Cash bar opens at 5:30 PM), at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 5th and Jefferson Streets (Next to the Convention Center) Dayton (Downtown), Ohio, in the VAN CLEVE BALLROOM. Menu: Prime Rib of Beef, Potato, vegetables, rolls, chocolate fudge cake, choice of beverage, coffee, tea or iced tea. *** Vegetarian menu available by request at the Contest dinner. Price is 33.00 USD per person (SEATING IS LIMITED TO 300, SO ORDER YOUR CONTEST DINNER TICKETS EARLY). Guest speaker is successful book writer, contest operator and all around great guy, Ward Silver, N0AX. Master of Ceremonies for the Contest dinner is John Dorr, K1AR. The 2005 Contest Hall of Fame Inductions will be formally announced by the CQ WorldWide Contest Director and CQ Contest Hall of Fame member, Bob Cox, K3EST. All Contest dinner ticket orders are handled exclusively by Craig Clark, K1QX, at: Radioware and Radio Bookstore, PO Box 209, Rindge, NH 03461 (<http://www.radio-ware.com>). You can place your order for Contest dinner tickets by calling: Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM eastern USA time: 1-800-457-7373 or 1-603-899-6957 for International or by FAX 1-603-899-6826 (24 hours). You can also E-mail your orders for Contest dinner tickets to: jcclark@worldpath.net. Visa, Mastercard and American Express are accepted. Sorry no COD orders. E-mails must include charge card + number, callsign and return address information. Contest dinner tickets will be sent via First Class U.S. Mail no later than May 10, 2005. Please allow plenty of time for your dinner tickets to arrive before you leave for Dayton. Deadline for ticket orders is May 7, 2005. NO EXCEPTIONS. There will be no Contest dinner tickets at the door.

CONTEST DINNER (Visalia DX Convention). Reservation are now being accepted for the **7th Annual Contest Dinner** at the **International DX Convention** in Visalia, CA. The dinner will be held Friday, **April 15th**, with serving starting at 7:30pm. The speaker will be Veijo

Kontas, OH6KN, with a presentation of his monster contest station (one 42m tower, three 60m towers and one 150m tower plus many antennas) built in Oulu, Finland. Cost is 25 USD per person (in addition to the convention registration fee) PAID IN CASH AT THE DOOR! Reservations are required, so please reserve your seat at the dinner and make your menu selection at: <http://www.twistedoak.com/wk6i/contestdinner.html>. See you there! - 73 - Jeff, WK6I & Steve, K6AW

CORRECTION DEPARTMENT. In last week's [OPDX.701](#), under "SILENT KEY", there is a "typo". Long time contester Rush Drake's callsign is **W7RM** and not K7RM as reported.

DXCC NEWS.....

- **DXCC HONOR ROLL DEADLINE.** "Just a reminder that the deadline to be shown in the next DXCC Honor Roll list is **March 31, 2005**. Submissions must be postmarked March 31, 2005, for your submission to count for this listing. The DXCC Honor Roll list will appear in August 2005 QST. There are 335 entities on the DXCC list, and you must be within the numerical top 10 DXCC entities to qualify. The current minimum requirement for Honor Roll is 326 current entities.....73 es DX! Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager"
- Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, informs OPDX that the following operations are approved for **DXCC credit**:
 - **6O0CW - Somalia**, from February 3, 2005 to February 17, 2005
 - **A52CDX - Bhutan**, October 24, 2004 to November 12, 2004
 - **T6KBLRM - Afghanistan**, current operation
 - **TT8M - Chad**, Current operation effective March 14, 2005
 - **YI9GT - Iraq**, from May 7, 2004 to February 8, 2005
 - **YI9KT - Iraq**, from May 7, 2004 to February 8, 2005

DX0, SPRATLY ISLAND. Operators Gil/4F2KWT, Ed/4F1OZ and Eddie/DU1EV were expected to leave for Palawan Island this past Friday, March 18th and take a plane (if available) the next day to **Pag-Asa Island** (in the Spratly Island Group). Apparently, the plane was not available because no DX0K signals were heard this past weekend. The team anticipates taking a ship on March 25th, and will arrive on the island on **March 27th**. However, they expect to leave the island by the **end of March**. These trips to the Spratly are not commercial ships, and they have no control over the scheduling because these are military transports. Since they are civilians, the ride to Spratly is only on a space available basis. Eddie/DU1EV informed OPDX that this operation will be a DXpedition and a medical mission at the same time. Gil/4F1OZ is a doctor, Ed/4F2KWT is a nurse and Eddie/DU1EV is a lawyer (he jokes.. just in case there is a malpractice suit). Activity should be on 160-6 meters. Their special project this time will be 6 meters EME during the moon rise and moon set using digital mode WJST. The team will work with a six or seven element beam and 300 watts. QSL Manager is 4F2KWT: Gilbert Lappay, P.O. Box 89, 2500 San Fernando City, La Union, Philippines. For online logs and more details/updates, please visit their official Web sites at: <http://www.geocities.com/f2kwt/> and <http://www.geocities.com/dx0kcalayaan/>.

E21, THAILAND. Champ, **E21EIC**, will be active in the **CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via E21EIC. For JA stations QSL via JR5XPG.

FG, GUADELOUPE. Jean-Louis, F5NHJ, will be active as **FG/F5NHJ/P** from **March 25th to April 2nd**. Activity will be on 40-20 meter CW/SSB. QSL via his home callsign, either direct or by the bureau.

FT5X, KERGUELEN ISLAND. The Microlite Penguins DXpedition Team is now active as about 0630z March 20th. The following was a press release sent out by George, K5TR, dated Sunday, March 20th:

"Port Jeanne D'Arc, Kerguelen

The Microlite Penguins DXpedition Team will be QRV today on the Kerguelen Islands, located in the sub-antarctic region of the Indian Ocean. The New Zealand based R/V Braveheart, used during ZL9CI, VP8THU, VP8GEO, and VP6DI expeditions, is again be supporting the team for the duration of this 30 day trip. Departure was from Durban, South Africa, and the end destination is Fremantle, Western Australia. The team expects to be operational here from the **20th of March through the 1st of April**.

Callsign is **FT5XO**.

A team of twelve operators representing seven nations will be participating in this month's long trip. Operators are AG9A, HB9ASZ, GI0NWG, M0DXR, N6MZ, N0TT, SP5XVY, VE3EJ, VK6DXI, W3WL, W7EW and 9V1YC. All team members are experienced testers or DXpeditioners, and 7 out of the 12 are veterans of at least one previous Antarctic regional DXpedition.

In order to maximize band openings, we will have the ability to run up to 7 stations at once. Operations will take place on all bands from 160m-6m using CW, SSB and RTTY. There will also be operation on PSK-31 and EME.

The team has two "Battle Creek Special" verticals for 40, 80 and 160m, single 1/4 wave verticals each for 30m and 40m, plus a full set of monoband vertical dipoles for 20m and up. All 1/4 wave verticals and vertical dipoles were constructed and supplied in South Africa by ZS4TX.

Just like the 2002 DXpedition to South Georgia and South Sandwich, there will be no websites, pilots, or on-line logs. We feel that a DX QSO made by the hard work of knowing propagation, listening, skillful calling and paying attention to the DX station's pattern is more meaningful and fun. We have purposefully advanced minimal publicity about our DXpedition in the spirit of putting the operator instead of the technology back into the forefront of the DX chase.

Logistical support in South Africa was provided by ZS5BBO, ZS5NK, ZS5VE, ZS5GMW, ZS5HV, ZS5IAN and the members of the H.A.R.C. Equipment and logistic arrangements in New Zealand were provided by the crew of The Braveheart, and ZL2BSJ.

The QSL manager for this DXpedition is Garry, VE3XN. Many thanks in advance for any extra contributions received with your QSL envelopes.

This DXpedition is funded by the twelve team members and an exclusive grant from the NCDXF - The Northern California DX Foundation. There are no other organizational or commercial sponsors for this trip..

Sincere thanks to the NCDXF for their continued support of DXpeditioning to the world's most remote destinations."

FY, FRENCH GUIANA (Fort Activity). Members of the FY5KAC ARS will be in the Cayenne area to activate **Fort Ceperou** during the Easter weekend. The activity will start **March 26th** in the morning and end **March 28th** in the evening. Operations will be on HF, SSB, CW and may be PSK. (2 stations are expected to be on the air.) The activity is also valid for the French Forts and Castles Award (DFCF FY002). QSL via the REF French Bureau or direct (SAE+Postage) to: A.R.C.G. (Association Radio Club Guyane), BP 9271, 97392 Cayenne cedex, FRENCH GUIANA.

HOLYLAND CONTEST 2005. The Israel Amateur Radio Club (IARC) invites all Radio Amateurs and Short Wave Listeners around the world to participate in the annual Holyland DX Contest 2005 on the **16th of April** starting on 0000z until 2359z. There were 241 certificates already sent to last year's participants from 58 countries. More information can be found on the IARC Web site at: <http://www.iarc.org>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-019.** Operators IK8HCG, IZ8DFO, IZ8FBU and IZ8GCB will be active as **IG9R** from **Lampedusa Island** during the next **CQWW SSB Contest** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via IK8HCG.
- **EU-023.** (Update) Karl, OE3JAG, will be active from **Gozo Island** between **May 2-6th**. His callsign will be **9H/**** or **9H3JAG**. Activity will be between (about) 1200-1600z. Operations will be QRP with a dipole or long wire and mainly on CW, PSK and RTTY on the WARC bands. QSL via his home callsign. Visit his Web page at: <http://www.oe3jag.com>.
- **EU-031.** Walter, IN3XUG, will operate from **Ischia Island** as **IC8/IN3XUG** now **through April 2nd**. Activity will be on the IOTA frequencies (mainly 40/20 meters). He will probably operate in the **CQWW WPX SSB Contest**. Listen for QSL info.
- **EU-045.** Members of the MDXC, Roberto/IK8BIZ, Alfredo/IZ8DEP and Luciano/IK8RRY will be activated as **IB0CW** from **Ventotene Island** (MIA: MI-118 and IIA: LT-011), **April 2-4th**. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, CW, RTTY, PSK and SSB. QSL via the bureau or direct to IK8RRY: LUCIANO LUONGO, Via Degli Innamorati No. 143, 80014 GIUGLIANO, NA, ITALY. Also, visit the following Web page at: <http://www.mdxc.org/ib0cw/>.
- **EU-065.** A multi-national team from France, Scotland and Belgium will be active as **TM4Z** from **Ouessant Island** (DIFM AT-001) during the **IOTA Contest (July 30-31st)**. QSL via F6KHM, direct or by the bureau.
- **EU-127.** Members from the DF0CB will activate **Helgoland** (GIA N-14), **April 15-17th**. Activity will be SSB on 80/40/20/2 meters.
- **EU-129.** Operator Andreas, DL5CW, will be active as **DL5CW/p** from **Usedom Island** (GIA O-13), **March 29th through April 1st**. QSL via the Bureau.
- **EU-131.** Nicola/IZ3EBA and Enrico/IZ3EAY will be active as homecall/p from **Lido Island** (IIA VE-032, MIA MI-052 and DCI VE-009), **April 9th**. QSL via their home

callsigns. For more info, visit: <http://www.iz3eba.it>.

OX, GREENLAND (Updated). Retu, OH4MDY, who is a member of the Pieksamaen Radioamatorit (OH4AB) team, informed OPDX that he has received his own callsign for the upcoming **March 23-30th** operation (See [OPDX.701](#)). His callsign will be **OX3RZ**. The other team members Anni/OH4JGE and Lasse/OH4HJI will still sign as **OX/(own call)**. Remember, Retu will be in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest**. QSL via CBA to OH4MDY.

OZ5, DENMARK (Special Activity/Event). Since the year 2000 the callsign OZ5HCA has been used one week in April to mark the birthday of the world famous fairy tale writer "**Hans Christian Andersen**". On the 2nd of April, this year, he would have become 200 years old, and therefore, the callsign **OZ5HCA** will be used during the **entire month of April**. The callsign will be used by members of the EDR Odense Branch, OZ3FYN. The EDR Odense Branch has been issuing the "Hans Christian Andersen Award" since the year 2000. This year will be the last chance to make QSOs for this award because it is the last time the callsign will be used. The rules can be found on the Web page at: <http://www.oz3fyn.dk/diplom-hcaGB.html>. Applications for the award must be received before December 31st, 2005. The reason for the deadline is that each award is specially made and signed by the mayor of Odense.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **3DA0 QSL CARDS**. Frosty, K5LBU, has just returned from ZS and 3DA0 land. He wants all DXers to know that there is no QSL Bureau in Swaziland. He states, "Andy, 3DA0TM, does pick up the mail that shows up at the post office box. I have here in my hand about half a kilo of cards. I just brought them home to Houston, Texas. I will keep them and then take them to the Friedrichshafen Germany hamfest in June. Most hams that have operated in Swaziland do not live there. So you need to look for the correct route and listen to what the operator says. There were at least 25 cards for me as 3DA0CF in the box. I will reply to those this week. I have sent the ones that were for 3DA0WPX and 3DA0SV on to them in NC."
- **6O0CW QSL CONFUSION**. Graham, M5AAV, informs OPDX that there seems to be some confusion over the QSL routes for 6O0CW. Graham handles "BUREAU CARDS ONLY" for this operation. Any and all DIRECT requests should go to I2YSB.
- **QSL ROUTE CHANGE**. Mike, KA2AEV, will now handle the **9Y4/N3BNA** QSL duties for Dales, N3BNA, due to health concerns. So please, QSL 9Y4/N3BNA via KA2AEV direct. If you sent Dale a QSL request, Mike states, "Don't sweat it. I'll get it eventually. Please be patient I do not have any QSLs for him yet."
- **AY1ZA QSL**. Following an agreement with Horacio, LU4DXU, a large batch of outstanding AY1ZA direct cards for European stations has been sent to and received by the Mediterraneo DX Club. These cards are being posted right now and should reach their destinations in a few days time. Horacio operated as AY1ZA from the "Orcadas del Sur" Base (LU-14 for the Antarctica Award) on Laurie Island, South Orkneys, in January- February 2004. QSL cards have been donated by the MDXC.
- **QSL CE6TBN/7 via CE6TBN**: P.O.Box 1234, Temuco Chile. Operator was Marco from Ascension Island (IOTA SA-043 and DICE ICE-704) this past weekend. He told OPDX that this was his last DXpedition for the summer of 2005.
- Tom, SP5UAF, reports online logs are now available for **V5/SP6IXF** and/or **V5/SP7VC**. All contacts have been uploaded to: <http://www.sp5zcc.waw.pl/dxpeditions/v5/>.
- **NEW ADDRESS FOR VK4AAR**. Alan, VK4AAR, wants to inform OPDX readers that

his postal address will change in APRIL 2005. Box 421 closes on 31st of March 2005. PLEASE USE ONLY THIS NEW ADDRESS FROM 1st APRIL 2005 and on: Alan Roocroft, 376 Old Toowoomba Road, Placid Hills 4343, Australia. Alan is the QSL Manager for the following stations: 9V0A, 9V1DX, C21RH, KH2VM, P29RH, V63PD, VI0ANARE, VK0MM (Macquarie), VK6AN (OC-266), VK6BM (OC-234), VK6BSI (OC-243), VK6LI (OC-071), VK8AN/6 (OC-154), VK8AN/8 (OC-229), VK8AV/3 (OC-136), VK8DP, VK8MI (OC-173), VU3RSB and VP2V/W3HQ. (Logs are closed for ... YJ8AA, ZK2JJ and ZK2PJ)

- Bill, VK4FW, reports that QSL cards are still available for his **VK4CRR/2** operation to North Solitary Island at the old lighthouse outpost buildings from March 31, 1994 to April 3, 1994. QSL direct with 2 USDs or 2 Euros or IRC to the following address: Bill Horner, P.O. Box 612, Childers, 4660, Australia.
- **NEW ADDRESS FOR XW0X AND XW2A.** Here is Hiroo's new direct mailing address for his XW0X and XW2A operations: Hiroo Yonezuka, Baitong Mansion, Room 811, 354/2 Rama 9 Rd, Bangkapi Huaykwang, Bangkok 10310, THAILAND.

SILENT KEY. Mac, W3HC, informed OPDX that he has received an E-mail from Allen, BA1DU, stating that Mr. Park (Ping Ke Cheng), **BA1CO**, became a "Silent Key" (SK) on March 9, 2005. Mac was his QSL Manager. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to Mr. Park's family and friends.

SPECIAL EVENT. Some members of Canary Islands DX Society will activate the special event station **EF8CID** to celebrate the "**Canary Islands Day**" between **May 27-30th**. All QSLs will be sent through the URE Bureau after their operation by Edu, EC8AUA. It is not necessary to send your QSL via the Bureau (for confirmation). Direct QSLs can be sent via the normal way. Activity will only be on 15 meters band. Members are restricted to only operate below 21200 kHz.

TS8, TUNISIA. Operators YT1AD, S56A, 4N1EA, 4N1NM and possibly others will activate the 3V8BB club station as **TS8A** in the **CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th)** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via YT1AD.

XX9, MACAO. Hirotada, JA0SC, informs OPDX that he will be visiting here and will be active on the digital modes as well as participate in the NVCG SSTV Contest during the first weekend of April. He will also operate before and after the contest between **April 7-11th**. Hirotada will receive his callsign after his arrival in Macao. Look look for him on 20, 15 and 10 meters SSTV and RTTY. QSL direct to his home callsign (address on QRZ.com).

YB0, INDONESIA. Operators Sanyi/HA7VK/YU9VK and Gyuszi/HA2VR will go to Jakarta to visit some friends and operate. Look for Sanyi to sign **YB0/HA7VK** between **March 20-29th**, and Gyuszi to sign **YB0/HA2VR** between **March 23rd and April 5th**. QSL YB0/HA7VK via HA0HW. QSL YB0/HA2VR via HA2VR.

YV5, VENEZUELA. Dario, YV4GMG, is expected to sign **YV4GMG/5** from **March 23-27th**, only on 40 meters and on 145.800 MHz SSB (Satellite ISS). QSL via his home callsign.

ZF2, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Paul, K4UJ, will be active from **Grand Cayman** as **ZF2UJ**, **April 1-9th**. Activity will primarily be on: 80m-CW, 40m-CW, 20m-CW/SSB, 17m-CW/SSB, 12m-CW/SSB and 10m-CW/SSB. He will only use 100 watts into a wire antenna on the north

side of the island. QSL via his home callsign.

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SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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